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Intelligence Support - Nickel

1. The Chairman of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee has received a request from the Chairman of the Diversion Control Panel, in the Economic Defense Advisory Committee structure, for intelligence on embargoed nickel. The EDIC Chairman (Chief, D/S) has assigned the responsibility for the production of this intelligence to CIA/ODR in coordination with State/IRA.

2. The intelligence desired, for the purpose of evaluating the importance of International List I nickel to the Sino-Soviet bloc and estimating the significance of its efforts to procure this metal from the free world, is summarized below:

a. Bloc position (1957 or later)

- (1) Production and imports
- (2) Consumption and exports
- (3) Stocks
- (4) Substitutes
- (5) Wartime requirements
- (6) Other relevant data

b. Bloc imports (extent and pattern)

- (1) COMCON countries
- (2) Other free world countries

3. The intelligence contribution of the Ferrous Metals Branch to the 1958 List Review Intelligence Fact Sheet on nickel, as defined therein, included much of the information requested by the Diversion Control Panel. It was for 1956, however, and the latest available information, 1957 or current, is needed to satisfy the Panel's needs.

4. It is requested, therefore, that the fact sheet on nickel be updated and supplemented insofar as possible, with data classified no higher than Secret. It would be appreciated if the Trade Controls Branch could have this revision by 19 June 1958.

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